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Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter is in response to your September 18, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Service (APHIS) on the same date. Your request was assigned FOIA tracking number 2019-APHIS-06795-F. Your FOIA request seeks the following records:

All records that were reviewed and deemed non-responsive during the search conducted in relations to FOIA request 2019-APHIS-06068-F.

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Wildlife Services (WS) program office to conduct a search of their files for records responsive to your request. WS completed the search of their electronic files and database using key words that would most likely result in responsive records. As a result of their search WS did not locate any records responsive to your request.

A similar no record response was provided for your August 14, 2019 request, 2019-APHIS-06068-F. In the searches related to the August request, each State Director conducted individual searches of their database for responsive records pursuant to the information provided in your request. As a result, forty-three (43) searches were conducted and all resulted in no records being located. Since records were not located during the searches, no records were subsequently reviewed and deemed non-responsive. As such, there are no records responsive to your current request.

We trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact Tameka Tilliman, the analyst who processed your request, at (301) 851-4033 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Bethany Jones, at (301) 851-4100.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Service (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6601

Email: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: (202) 741-5770
Toll Free: (877) 684-6448
Fax: (202) 741-5769

Although no responsive records have been located, you have the right to appeal the adequacy of search conducted by the program office(s). If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request.

Please refer to FOIA 2019-APHIS-06795-F in your appeal letter and add the phrase “FOIA APPEAL” to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

This completes APHIS’s response to your request.

Sincerely,

for:
Tonya Woods
Director
Freedom of Information and Privacy Act
Legislative and Public Affairs